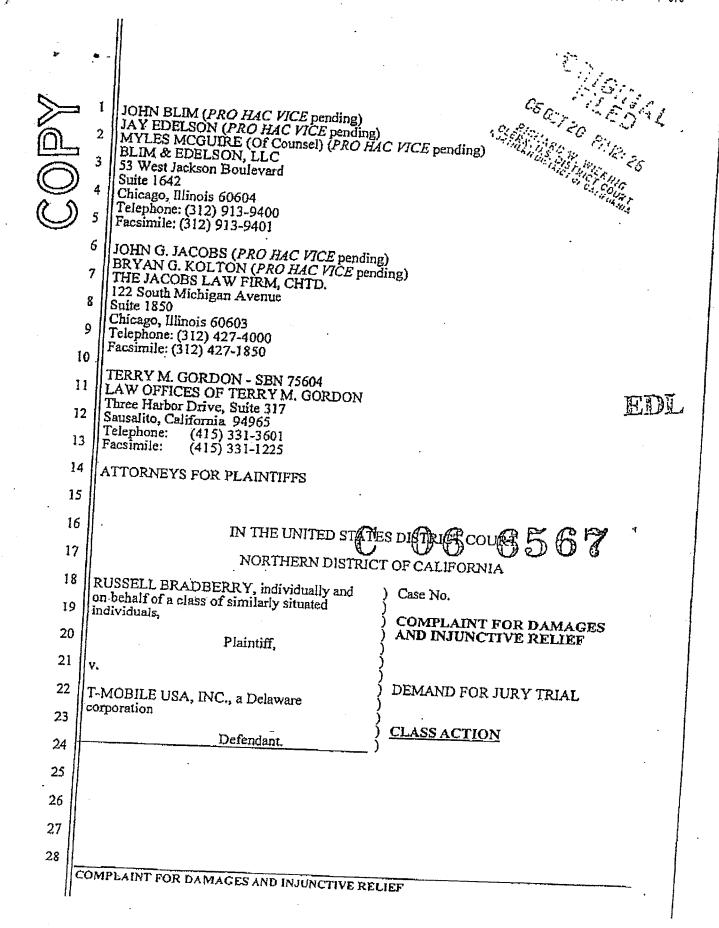
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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff Russell Bradberry ("Bradberry"), on behalf of himself a class and sub-class of similarly situated individuals, brings this class action against T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile") seeking to stop T-Mobile's unlawful practice of "recycling" "dirty" cellular telephone numbers, which practice has resulted in unauthorized charges to customers' accounts, and to obtain redress for all persons injured by T-Mobile's conduct. Plaintiff, for his class action complaint, alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to himself and his own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys.

NATURE OF THE CASE

- In a widespread industry practice little known by those outside the industry, 1. T-Mobile routinely "recycles" so-called "dirty" telephone numbers to its customers when they sign up for new cellular telephone service. The numbers are "recycled" in that they were previously owned and/or used by other persons or entities. The numbers are "dirty" in that they are encumbered with pre-existing billing obligations for products and services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of those numbers.
- T-Mobile's practice of re-issuing "dirty" phone numbers has resulted in 2. unauthorized charges being placed on unsuspecting customers' telephone bills, in an illegal practice known as "cramming." For years, T-Mobile has systematically, repeatedly and without authorization, placed charges on customers' monthly bills for third-party services (such as ring tones, joke-a-day programs, wallpaper, screensavers and other forms of software provided by third-party vendors) that were never authorized to be purchased by the current owners of the affected phone numbers, (a) in violation of federal statute; (b) in breach of contract and the duty of good faith and fair dealing, (c) in violation of California Public Utilities Code section 2890 and California Public Utilities Commission Revised

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General Order 168, and (d) in violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200 and 17500 consumer fraud provisions.

Because of T-Mobile's wrongful actions, Plaintiff seeks on behalf of himself
and the class members, money damages, injunctive and declaratory relief, costs, and
reasonable attorneys' fees.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff Russell Bradberry is a citizen of California.
- 5. Defendant T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile") is a leading provider of cellular telephone service in the United States. T-Mobile is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in the State of New York. T-Mobile does business throughout the United States, including the State of California and this judicial district.

JURISDICTION

6. The Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. It also has jurisdiction under section 1332(d), because (a) at least one member of the putative class is a citizen of a state different from Defendant, (b) the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs, and (c) none of the exceptions under that subsection applies to the instant action. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the remaining counts under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

VENUE

7. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b) and (c).

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THE FACTS RELATING TO THE NAMED PLAINTIFF

- On November 2, 2005, Plaintiff visited the store of an authorized T-Mobile sales representative located in Visalia, California to purchase new cell phone service for his personal use.
- 9. On that same day, in exchange for a T-Mobile cell phone plan of 600 "anytime" minutes, Plaintiff agreed to pay T-Mobile \$39.99 each month for a period of 12 months. (A copy of T-Mobile's Service Agreement with Plaintiff is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)
- 10. Upon execution of his Service Agreement and activation of his cellular telephone account, T-Mobile provided Plaintiff a cellular phone number or "GSM #" (that is, a Global System for Mobile Communications number) of "tmo+6194468694."
- 11. Unbeknownst to Plaintiff, T-Mobile provided him with a recycled "dirty" phone number -- one saddled with preexisting obligations, encumbrances and billing arrangements for products and services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owner(s) and/or user(s) of that number.
- 12. Thus, beginning on or about November 2, 2005 the same day Plaintiff obtained his cell phone number and started receiving service from T-Mobile and continuing through at least April 28, 2006, Plaintiff's cell phone received multiple unwanted "premium" text message calls on a near daily basis from a company called Cellfish Media, LLC, f/d/b/a Lagardere Active North America, Inc. ("Cellfish"), a third-party seller of cellular ringtone products and services. "Premium" text messages are apparently those that include various forms of software, such as ringtones.
 - 13. Throughout the relevant period, Plaintiff received hundreds of such messages.
- 14. At no time did Plaintiff authorize the purchase of said products and services offered by Cellfish and at no time did Plaintiff consent to Cellfish's sending of text messages to his telephone number.

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- 15. Throughout the relevant time period, T-Mobile billed Plaintiff for "premium" text messaging charges of \$0.50 for each incoming "premium" text message, in addition to its standard charge of \$0.05 per each incoming text message.
 - 16. At no time did Plaintiff authorize T-Mobile to bill him for said charges.
- 17. In or about early 2006, Plaintiff contacted T-Mobile to inquire why his bills were so high and was told that it was because of the premium text message calls he received from Cellfish. Plaintiff advised T-Mobile that he did not authorize the purchase of said products and services offered by Cellfish and that at no time did he consent to Cellfish's sending of any text messages to his telephone number. Plaintiff then asked T-Mobile how he could stop being sent these unauthorized messages from Cellfish for which he was being charged by T-Mobile.
- 18. T-Mobile never offered to remove the unauthorized charges from Plaintiff's bill, never undertook to resolve the dispute to Plaintiff's satisfaction, never verified that Plaintiff had, in fact, provided authorization to purchase products and services offered by Cellfish, never verified whether Plaintiff had, in fact, provided consent to Cellfish's sending of any text messages to his telephone number, and never verified that Plaintiff had, in fact, provided authorization to bill his account for said charges. Rather, T-Mobile simply "passed the buck," advising Plaintiff to contact Cellfish.
- 19. On multiple occasions thereafter, Plaintiff attempted to contact Cellfish, but was unable to speak directly with anyone at the company and instead was forced to leave voice mail messages, which Cellfish failed to return.
- 20. Plaintiff visited Cellfish's website (www.texttoy.com) and was informed that to stop receiving text messages from Cellfish he would need to reply to one of its messages with the word "STOP." Plaintiff followed those instructions, but instead of stopping the unwanted messages, he began to receive even more such messages.

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- Having not heard from Cellfish and having had no success in stopping the 21. messages, Plaintiff once again contacted T-Mobile. In response, T-Mobile did nothing.
- Plaintiff, through his counsel, was finally able to contact Cellfish, through its 22. Director of Legal & Business Affairs, Lisa M. Weissberg. On May 11, 2006, Ms. Weissberg provided Plaintiff's counsel what she described as "the initial, voluntary sign up by your client for this service as of July 13, 2005. The messages received are not spam," Ms. Weissberg claimed, "but messages related to the service that, according to the terms of use of the service agreed to by your client, are being sent."
- The purported authorization to be billed for such charges was obtained from 23. an unidentified person with the same "GSM #" eventually assigned by T-Mobile to Plaintiff ("tmo+6194468694"); however, the authorization for the subject charges was obtained on July 13, 2005 - a date more than three months prior to the time that Plaintiff signed his Service Agreement with T-Mobile, obtained that same cell phone number from T-Mobile, or started receiving T-Mobile service.
- Plaintiff could not possibly have authorized the charges for which he was 24. being billed. He did not have any account with T-Mobile at that time. Indeed, from May 2005 until October 2005, Plaintiff was out of the country in the Persian Gulf serving in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz, without access to a working cellular phone.

ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

- T-Mobile is a telephone corporation and public utility as defined in California 25. Pub. Util. Code sections 216 and 234 and is certified by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to offer, and does in fact offer and sell, mobile cellular telecommunication services throughout the State of California.
- T-Mobile uses uniform form contracts ("Service Agreements") under which 26. customers purchase cell phone services,

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- 27. T-Mobile's services include providing access to and billing for various thirdparty services such as ring tones, joke-a-day programs, wallpaper, screensavers and other forms of software provided by numerous third-party vendors with names such as Jamster, M Qube, Cellfish Media LLC (f/k/a Lagardere Active North America, Inc.), and many others.
- T-Mobile allows such third-party services to be billed directly on a customer's 28. monthly wireless bill.
- Envisioning the potential for abuse, the California Legislature adopted 29. California Public Utilities Code section 2890 which provides, in relevant part, that: "(a) A telephone bill may only contain charges for products or services, the purchase of which the subscriber has authorized."
- Public Utilities Code section 2890 was intended to deter the unlawful practice 30. of "cramming," i.e., the placing of unauthorized charges on telephone bills, as defined in the Legislative History of Public Utilities Code sections 2889.9 and 2890:

["This bill addresses the problem of 'cramming,' a practice in which consumers are charged for unauthorized services in their phone bills. [] ... [] A relatively new, and growing, scam on telephone customers is the imposition of charges on the telephone bill for products or services the customer has not bought.... [¶] Often the charges which are 'crammed' on the customer's bill are relatively small, less than \$10, and inconspicuously labeled. If one does not carefully scrutinize the telephone bill, the crammed charge could easily be overlooked."]; Sen. Bill No. 378, approved by Governor, Sept. 30, 1998 (Amend Aug.21, 1998) (1997 1998 Reg. Sess.) ['Cramming' charges are usually comprised of services such as unauthorized voice mail options, Internet access options, calling cards, paging services, and 800 numbers. In many cases[,] these unauthorized charges are initiated from sweepstakes, raffles, and telemarketers of unknown and unscrupulous companies."].)

Assem. Bill No. 2142, 3d reading May 7, 1998, Assem. Floor (1997 1998 Reg. Sess.).

According to the CPUC, "the practice of cramming has become a serious and 31. widespread problem in California, draining time and money from California consumers and businesses."

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- 32. Revised General Order 168, "Market Rules to Empower Telecommunications Consumers and to Prevent Fraud similarly provides that "Telephone companies may bill subscribers only for authorized charges."
- 33. Further, the duty of good faith and fair dealing, a part of every contract, requires that T-Mobile not bill any customer for any good or service not authorized by the customer.
- 34. Upon execution of said Service Agreements and activation of cellular telephone accounts, T-Mobile provides its customers a ten-digit cellular telephone number.
- 35. Unbeknownst to its customers, T-Mobile often "recycles" "dirty" telephone numbers, numbers that they were previously owned and/or used by other persons or entities and encumbered with pre-existing billing obligations for products and services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of said numbers.
- 36. T-Mobile has no effective system, policy or procedure in place for ensuring that the ten-digit cellular phone numbers it provides customers have been properly "screened" and scrubbed "clean" so as to ensure that its customers are not adversely affected by the actions, inactions, obligations and/or encumbrances of previous owners and/or users of the telephone numbers.
- As a result, T-Mobile has for years been systematically, repeatedly and without authorization, billing its customers for products and services not authorized to be purchased by those customers. Indeed, if such purchases were authorized at all, they were authorized by previous owners and/or users of such telephone numbers. T-Mobile and thirdparty service providers have, on information and belief, profited greatly from this practice.
- 38. T-Mobile's unlawful charging is further exacerbated by its failure to strictly comply with various disclosure-related requirements of Public Utilities Code section 2890, making it more difficult for customers to discover the unauthorized charges, realize what their options are, and thereafter dispute said charges.

(d) (1) A billing telephone company shall clearly identify, and use a separate billing section for, each person, corporation, or billing agent that generates a charge on a subscriber's telephone

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subscribers for products or services on a telephone bill shall do

(A) Include, or cause to be included, in the telephone bill the amount being charged for each product or service, including any taxes or surcharges, and a clear and concise description of the service, product, or other offering for which

(B) Include, or cause to be included, for each entity that charges for a product or service, information with regard to how to resolve any dispute about that charge, including the name of the party responsible for generating the charge and a toll free telephone number or other no cost means of contacting the entity responsible for resolving disputes regarding the charge and a description of the manner in which a dispute regarding the charge may be addressed. Each telephone bill shall include the appropriate telephone number of the commission that a subscriber may use to register a complaint.

Although required to do so, the bills issued by T-Mobile systematically failed to include information with regard to how to disputes specific charges, failed to include the name of the party responsible for generating the charge, failed to include a toll-free telephone number or other no-cost means of contacting the entity responsible for resolving disputes regarding the charge and a description of the manner in which a dispute regarding the charge may be addressed. T-Mobile's bills also systematically failed to "include the appropriate telephone number of the commission that a subscriber may use to register a complaint," as

According to the CPUC, "[t]he obvious purpose of including the Commission's contact information is to safeguard consumers' Rights to Public Participation and Enforcement (consumers have a right to be informed of their rights and what agency

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27 28 enforces those rights) and Accurate Bills and Redress (consumers have a right to fair, prompt and courteous redress for problems they encounter). Without this information, many or most consumers won't realize what their options are."

- 42. Public Utilities Code section 2890(e) further requires that "[i]f an entity responsible for generating a charge on a telephone bill receives a complaint from a subscriber that the subscriber did not authorize the purchase of the product or service associated with that charge, the entity, not later than 30 days from the date on which the complaint is received, shall verify the subscriber's authorization of that charge or undertake to resolve the billing dispute to the subscriber's satisfaction." T-Mobile systematically failed to adhere to these "cramming" rules in its treatment of Plaintiff and other affected customers.
- 43. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 2890(d)(2)(D), "[i]f there is a dispute, there is a rebuttable presumption that an unverified charge for a product or service was not authorized by the subscriber and that the subscriber is not responsible for that charge." Plaintiff and the Class dispute said charges and, thus, are entitled to a presumption that said charges were unauthorized.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

44. Plaintiff brings this action, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and (b)(3), on behalf of himself and a class consisting of all T-Mobile wireless telephone subscribers who received a telephone number from T-Mobile and suffered losses or damages as a result of T-Mobile's billing for products and services not authorized by the new owner of the number (the "Plaintiff Class" or "Class"), but, rather, if at all, by a prior owner or user of the number; provided, however, that the following are excluded from this proposed Class: (i) defendant, and (ii) any relative or employee of defendant,

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- 45. Additionally, Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a state-wide sub-class (the "Sub-Class") consisting of all members of the Class who entered into subscription contracts within the state of California.
- The Class and Sub-Class each consist of thousands of individuals and other 46. entities, making joinder impractical, in satisfaction of Rule 23(a)(1).
- The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of all of the other members of 47. the respective classes.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the 48. other members of the respective classes. Plaintiff has retained counsel with substantial experience in prosecuting complex litigation and class actions. Plaintiff and his counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the other Class members, and have the financial resources to do so. Neither Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interest adverse to those of the other Class members.
- 49. Absent a class action, most Class members would find the cost of litigating their claims to be prohibitive, and will have no effective remedy. The class treatment of common questions of law and fact is also superior to multiple individual actions or piecemeal litigation in that it conserves the resources of the courts and the litigants, and promotes consistency and efficiency of adjudication.
- Defendant has acted and failed to act on grounds generally applicable to the 50. plaintiff and the other members of the respective classes, requiring the Court's imposition of uniform relief to ensure compatible standards of conduct toward the Class members,
- The factual and legal bases of Defendant's liability to Plaintiff and to the other 51. members of the respective classes are the same, resulting in injury to the plaintiff and to all of the other Class members. Plaintiff and other Class members have all suffered harm and damages as a result of all of Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct.

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	52. There are many questions of law and fact common to the claims of Plaintiff
	and the other members of the respective class members, and those questions predominate
	over any questions that may affect individual Class members within the meaning of Rule
	23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3). Common questions for the Class include but are not limited to the
	following:
	(a) Whether Defendant's conduct described herein is "unjust and
	unreasonable" as specified in 47 U.S.C. § 201(b); and
	(b) Whether Defendant's conduct described herein is in breach of contract.
,	53. Common questions for the Sub-Class include:
10	(a) Whether Defendant's conduct described herein is in violation of
I	California's Public Utility Code section 2890;
12	(b) Whether Defendant's conduct described herein violates California
13	Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq; and
14	(c) Whether Defendant's conduct described herein violates California
15	Business and Professions Code sections 17500, et seq.
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18	(Violation Of 47 U.S.C. § 201 on behalf of the Class) 54. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegation
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20	55. Section 201 of 47 U.S. Code provides in relevant part as follows:
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3	regulation that is unjust or unreasonable is declared to be unlawful
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5	56. T-Mobile's practice of charging Plaintiff and class members for services they
5	ver ordered or subscribed to is neither just nor reasonable and is in fact unjust and
,	reasonable, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 201, and violates the said statute.

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٠	1	5	7. 47 U.S.C. § 206, in turn, provides in relevant part:
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	3		In case any common carrier shall do, or cause or permit to be done, any act, matter, or thing in this chapter prohibited or declared to be unlawful such common carrier shall be liable
	4		damages sustained in consequence of any such might be
	5		provisions of this chapter, together with a reasonable counsel or attorney's fee
	6	· 58	Finally, 47 U.S. C. § 207 provides in relevant part that
	7		Any person claiming to be damaged by any common carrier
	8		the recovery of the damages for which such common and
	9		may be liable under the provisions of this chapter, in any district court of the United States of competent jurisdiction
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1	ı		COUNT II
1;	2.		(Unauthorized Telephone Charges In Violation Of California Public Utilities Code § 2890 on behalf of the Sub-Class)
13	:	59.	Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations.
14	.	60.	California Public Utilities Code section 2106 provides aggrieved persons the
15	fe	llowing p	ivate right of action:
16			Any public utility which does, causes to be done, or permits
17			which omits to do any act matter or thing required to be
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20			damages, award exemplary damages. An action to the actual
21			competent jurisdiction by any corporation or person.
22		61.	In an effort to deter the unlawful practice of "cramming," i.e., the placing of
23	una	uthorized	charges on telephone bills, the California legislature enacted Public Utilities
24	Cod	de section :	2890, which provides, in pertinent part, as follows:
25			(a) A telephone bill may only contain charges for products or services, the purchase of which the subscriber has
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(b) When a person or corporation obtains a written order for a product or service, the written order shall be a separate document from any solicitation material. The sole purpose of the document is to explain the nature and extent of the transaction. Written orders and written solicitation materials shall be unambiguous, legible, and in a minimum 10 point type. Written or oral solicitation materials used to obtain an order for a product or service shall be in the same language as the written order. Written orders may not be used as entry forms for sweepstakes, contests, or any other program that offers prizes or gifts.

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- (c) The commission may only permit a subscriber's local telephone service to be disconnected for nonpayment of charges relating to the subscriber's basic local exchange telephone service, long distance telephone service within a local access and transport area (intraLATA), long distance telephone service between local access and transport areas (interLATA), and international telephone service.
 - (d) (I) A billing telephone company shall clearly identify, and use a separate billing section for, each person, corporation, or billing agent that generates a charge on a subscriber's telephone bill. A billing telephone company may not bill for a person, corporation, or billing agent, unless that person, corporation or billing agent complies with paragraph (2).
 - (2) Any person, corporation, or billing agent that charges subscribers for products or services on a telephone bill shall do all of the following:
 - (A) Include, or cause to be included, in the telephone bill the amount being charged for each product or service, including any taxes or surcharges, and a clear and concise description of the service, product, or other offering for which a charge has been imposed.
 - (B) Include, or cause to be included, for each entity that charges for a product or service, information with regard to how to resolve any dispute about that charge, including the name of the party responsible for generating the charge and a toll free telephone number or other no cost means of contacting the entity responsible for resolving disputes regarding the charge and a description of the manner in which a dispute regarding the charge may be addressed. Each telephone bill shall include the appropriate telephone number of the commission that a subscriber may use to register a complaint.

(C) Establish, maintain, and staff a toll free telephone number to respond to questions or disputes about its charges and to provide the appropriate addresses to which written questions or complaints may be sent. The person, corporation, or billing agent that generates a charge may also contract with a third-party, including, but not limited to, the billing telephone corporation, to provide that service on behalf of the person, corporation or billing agent.

(D) Provide a means for expeditiously resolving subscriber disputes over charges for a product or service, the purchase of which was not surhorized by

(D) Provide a means for expeditiously resolving subscriber disputes over charges for a product or service, the purchase of which was not authorized by the subscriber. In the case of a dispute, there is a rebuttable presumption that an unverified charge for a product or service was not authorized by the subscriber and that the subscriber is not responsible for that charge. With regard to direct dialed telecommunications services, evidence that a call was dialed is prima facie evidence of authorization. If recurring charges arise from the use of those subscriber initiated services, the recurring charges are subject to this section.

(E) If an entity responsible for generating a charge on a telephone bill receives a complaint from a subscriber that the subscriber did not authorize the purchase of the product or service associated with that charge, the entity, not later than 30 days from the date on which the complaint is received, shall verify the subscriber's authorization of that charge or undertake to resolve the billing dispute to the subscriber's satisfaction.

62. Defendant violated section 2890 by virtue of its conduct alleged above, including its billing for products or services, the purchase of which he never authorized, thereby causing Plaintiff and the members of the class to suffer loss, damage, and injury.

63. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to actual damages pursuant to Public Utilities Code sectin 2106. Plaintiff and the Sub-Class are further entitled to exemplary damages to the extent the evidence shows that Defendant's violations were willful.

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COUNT III (Breach Of Contract on behalf of the Class)

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Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations. 64.

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Plaintiff entered into an agreement with Defendant whereby Plaintiff agreed to pay a certain sum of money in exchange for Defendant's activation of Plaintiff's cellular telephone account and its promise to provide various communication and related services to Plaintiff.

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Defendant expressly and/or impliedly agreed to provide Plaintiff with a 66. cellular telephone number free of preexisting billing obligations for products and services ordered, purchased and/or authorized by the previous owners and/or users of said telephone numbers.

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Defendant further expressly and/or impliedly agreed to bill Plaintiff only for 67. products or services the purchase of which he had authorized.

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Defendant further expressly and/or impliedly agreed to carry out its 68. obligations in good faith and fair dealing,

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Defendant breached its contractual obligations by providing Plaintiff with a 69. phone number saddled with preexisting obligations, encumbrances and billing arrangements for products and services ordered, purchased and/or authorized, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of said telephone numbers.

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Defendant further breached its contractual obligations, including its 70. contractual obligation of good faith and fair dealing, by thereafter billing Plaintiff for products or services, the purchase of which he never authorized.

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Plaintiff has performed his obligations under the contract. 71.

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The aforementioned breaches of contract have proximately caused the 72. Plaintiff economic injury and other damages.

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COUNT IV (Unlawful, Unfair and Deceptive Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. on behalf of the Sub-Class)

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Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations. 73.

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The Unfair Business Practices Act proscribes unfair business competition and defines same to include any "unfair," "unlawful," or "fraudulent" business act or practice.

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California Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq. 75.

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Defendant violated, and continues to violate this proscription through its conduct alleged above, including its unlawful violations of the California Public Utilities Code section 2890, as set forth above in connection with Plaintiff's First Cause of Action.

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Defendant, through its acts of unfair competition, has obtained money from 76, Plaintiff and members of the proposed Class. Plaintiff and the members of the Sub-Class ask that this Court restore this money to them and enjoin Defendant from continuing its illegal practices.

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77. Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this date. Plaintiff, the Sub-Class members and the general public are therefore entitled to the relief described herein.

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COUNTV

(False and Misleading Advertising in Violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17500, et seq. on behalf of the Sub-Class)

- 78. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations.
- 79. California Business & Professions Code § 17500 provides that:

It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property or to perform services, professional or otherwise, or anything of any nature whatsoever or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated from this state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, or by public outery or proclamation, or in any other manner or means whatever, any statement, concerning such real or personal property or services, professional or otherwise, or concerning any circumstance or matter of fact connected with

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the proposed performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading, or for any such person, firm, or corporation to so make or disseminate or cause to be so made or disseminated any such statement as part of a plan or scheme with the intent not to sell such personal property or services, professional or otherwise, so advertised at the price stated therein, or as so advertised.

- 80. Defendant violated, and continues to violate this provision by virtue of its conduct alleged above.
- 81. Defendant, through its acts of unfair competition, has obtained money from Plaintiff and members of the Sub-Class. Plaintiff and the members of the Sub-Class ask that this Court restore this money to them and enjoin Defendant from continuing its illegal practices.
- 82. Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this date. Plaintiff, the Sub-Class members and the general public are therefore entitled to the relief described herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Russell Bradberry, on behalf of himself and the respective classes, prays for the following relief:

- a) Certify this case as a class action on behalf of the Class and Sub-Class as defined above and appoint Russell Bradberry Class Representative, and appoint John G. Jacobs. and Jay Edelson, as co-lead counsel;
- b) Declare that the actions of T-Mobile, as set out above, constitute a breach of contract, and are in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 201, California Public Utilities Code § 2890 and California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17500;
- c) Enter judgment against T-Mobile for all economic, monetary, actual, consequential, and compensatory damages caused by Defendant's

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	5	e)	Award Plaintiff and the Classes pre- and post-judgment
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	7	f)	Enter judgment for an injunctive and/or declaratory relief as is
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	9	g)	Award such other and further relief as equity and justice may
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	13	Plaintiff requests tria	l by jury of all claims that can be so tried.
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•	15	·	Respectfully submitted,
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- Documents are to be filed in the Clerk's Office at the location of the chambers of I. the judge to whom the action has been assigned. We do not accept filings for cases assigned to judges or magistrate judges in the Oakland or San Jose division, per Civil L.R. 3-2(b).
- 2. This office will retain the original plus one copy of most documents submitted. We will conform as many copies as you bring for your use. Related cases require an extra copy for each related action designated.
- The copy retained goes directly to the assigned Judge. Courtesy copies, or 3. instructions for couriers to deliver a copy directly to chambers are inappropriate, unless you have been instructed to do so by court order.
- In order to facilitate the file stamping process, each original document should be 4. submitted on top of its copies. In other words, group like documents together--as opposed to a set of originals and separate sets of copies.
- The case number must indicate whether it is a civil or criminal matter by the 5. inclusion of C or CR at the beginning of the number. Miscellaneous and foreign judgment matters should also be indicated with initials MISC or FJ at the end of the case number.
- The case number must include the initials of the judge and/or magistrate judge 6. followed by the letters designating the case Arbitration (ARB), Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) or Mediation (MED)--if assigned to one of those programs.
- The document caption should include the appropriate judge or magistrate judge 7. involved in a particular matter or before whom an appearance is being made. This is especially important when submitting Settlement Conference Statements.
- Documents are to be stapled or acco-fastened at the top. Backings, bindings and 8. covers are not required. Two holes punched at the top of the original document will facilitate processing.
- Appropriately sized, stamped, self-addressed return envelopes are to be included 9. with proposed orders or when filing documents by mail.

- 16. Proofs of service should be attached to the back of documents. If submitted separately, you must attach a pleading page to the front of the document showing case number and case caption.
- There are no filing fees once a case has been opened.
- 12. New cases must be accompanied by a completed and signed Civil Cover Sheet, the filing fee or fee waiver request form and an original plus two copies of the complaint and any other documents. For Intellectual Property cases, please provide an original plus three copies of the complaint. Please present new cases for filing before 3:30 p.m., as they take a considerable amount of time to process.
- 13. Copies of forms may be obtained at no charge. They may be picked up in person from the Clerk's Office forms cabinet or with a written request accompanied by an appropriate sized, stamped, self-addressed envelope for return. In addition, copies of the Local Rules may be obtained, free of charge, in the Clerk's Office or by sending a written request, along with a self-addressed, 10" x 14" return envelope, stamped with \$ 3.95 postage to: Clerk, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.
- 14. Two computer terminals which allow public access to case dockets and one terminal with information regarding files at the Federal Records Center (FRC) are located in the reception area of the Clerk's Office. Written instructions are posted by the terminals. Outside of the Clerk's Office, electronic access to dockets is available through PACER. To obtain information or to register call 1-800-676-6851.
- 15. A file viewing room is located adjacent to the reception area. Files may be viewed in this area after signing the log sheet and presenting identification. Files are to be returned by 1:00 pm Under no circumstances are files to be removed from the viewing room.
- 16. The Clerk's Office can only accept payment by exact change or check made payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court. No change can be made for fees or the public copy machine.
- 17. Two pay copy machines are located in the file viewing room for public use, at fifteen cents (\$.15) per page. Copy cards may be purchases at the snack bar on the first floor. Orders for copywork may be placed through Eddie's Document Retrieval by phoning 415-317-5556. Arrangements may be made to bring in a personal copier by calling the Clerk's Office in advance.
- 18. We have a drop box for filing when the Clerk's Office is closed. Please see attached for availability and instructions.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR TRIAL

Pursuant to General Order 44, the Assignment Plan of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, this case has been randomly assigned to Magistrate Judge ELIZABETH D. IAPORTE

Pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), with written consent of all parties, a magistrate judge may conduct all proceedings in the case. Attached is a form to complete if you decline to proceed before the assigned magistrate judge and a form to complete if you decline to proceed before the assigned magistrate judge. Electronic versions of both forms are also available at the Court's internet site: http://www.cand.uscourts.gov. Click on Forms-Civil. A party is free to withhold consent without adverse consequences. If a party declines to consent, the case will be randomly reassigned to a district judge and a case management conference will be scheduled on the district judge's calendar as close as possible to the date presently scheduled before the magistrate judge.

You must file your consent or declination by the deadline for filing the initial case management statement.

The plaintiff or removing party shall serve a copy of this notice and all attachments upon all other parties to this action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4 and 5.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff(s),

No. C

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Defendant(s).

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated:	

Signature

Counsel for (Plaintiff, Defendant or indicate "pro se")

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C .

Plaintiff(s).

DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Defendant(s).

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

o 15 16 17 The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United. States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated:	

Signature

Counsel for (Plaintiff, Defendant, or indicate "pro se")

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U.S. District Court Northern California

ECF Registration Information Handout

The case you are participating in has been designated for this court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Program, pursuant to Local Rule 5-4 and General Order 45. This means that you must (check off the boxes Ø when done):

- 1) Register to become an effler by filling out the effler application form. Follow ALL the instructions on the form carefully. If you are already registered in this district, do not register again, your registration is valid for life on all ECF cases in this district.
- 2) Serve this ECF Registration Information Handout on all parties in the case along with the complaint, or for removals, the removal notice. DO NOT serve the effler application form, just this handout.
- D 3) Email (do not efile) the complaint and, for removals, the removal notice and all attachments, in PDF format within ten business days, following the instructions below. You do not need to wait for your registration to be completed to email the court.
- D 4) PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) access is mandatory to access dockets and documents. If your firm already has a PACER account, please use that - it is not necessary to have an individual account. PACER registration is free. If you need to establish or check on an account, visit: http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov or call (800) 676-6856.

BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING TO THE COURT A REQUEST FOR AN ECF USER ID AND PASSWORD, YOU CONSENT TO ENTRY OF YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS INTO THE COURT'S ELECTRONIC SERVICE REGISTRY FOR ELECTRONIC SERVICE ON YOU OF ALL E-FILED PAPERS, PURSUANT TO RULES 77 and 5(b)(2)(D) (eff. 12.1.01) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

All subsequent papers in this case shall be filed electronically.

ECF registration forms, interactive tutorials and complete instructions for efiling may be found on the ECF website: http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov

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PDF versions of all the Initiating documents originally submitted to the court (Complaint or Notice of Removal, exhibits, etc.) must be emailed (not efiled) to the PDF email box for the presiding judge (not the referring judge, if there is one) within 10 (ten) business days of the opening of your case. For a complete list of the email addresses, please go to: http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov and click on [Judges].

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Submitting Initiating Documents (continued)

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These documents must be emailed instead of e-filed to prevent duplicate entries in the ECF system. All other documents must be e-filed from then on. You do not need to efile or email the Civil Cover Sheet, Summons, or any documents issued by the court at case opening; note that you do need to efile the Summons Returned.

Converting Documents to PDF

Conversion of a word processing document to a PDF file is required before any documents may be submitted to the Court's electronic filing system. Instructions for creating PDF files can be found at the ECF web site: http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov, and click on [FAQ].

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Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order	03-09999 CRB Complaint, TRO	

Almost all questions can be answered in our FAQs at http://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov, please check them first.

You may also email the ECF Help Desk at ECFhelpdesk@cand.uscourts.gov or call the toll-free ECF Help Desk number at: (866) 638-7829.

The ECF Help Desk is staffed Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am to 4:00pm Pacific time, excluding court holidays.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RUSSELL BRADBERRY.

Plaintiff (s),

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Defendant(s).

No. C 06-06567 EDL

ORDER SETTING INITIAL CAS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

AND ADR DEADLINES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Honorable Elizabeth D. Laporte. When serving the complaint or notice of removal, the plaintiff or removing defendant must serve on all other parties a copy of this order, , the Notice of Assignment of Case to a United States Magistrate Judge for Trial, and all other documents specified in Civil Local Rule 4-2. Counsel must comply with the case schedule set forth below unless the Court otherwise orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Multi-Option Program governed by <u>ADR Local Rule 3</u>. Counsel and clients shall familiarize themselves with that rule and with the material entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California" on the Court ADR Internet site at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov. A limited number of printed copies are available from the Clerk's Office for parties in cases not subject to the court's Electronic Case Filing program (ECF).

CASE SCHEDULE -ADR MULTI-OPTION PROGRAM

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21 days before CMC * 1/2/2007	Last day to: - meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process selection, and discovery plan	FRCivP 26(f) & ADR L.R.3-5
	 file ADR Certification signed by Parties and Counsel (form available at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov) 	Civil L.R. 16-8 (b) & ADR L.R. 3-5(b)
	 file either Stipulation to ADR Process or Notice of Need for ADR Phone Conference (forms available at www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov) 	Civil L.R .16-8 (c) & ADR L.R .3-5(b)& (c)
7 days before CMC * 1/16/2007	Last day to complete initial disclosures or state objection in Rule 26(f) Report, file Case Management Statement (form available at www.cand.uscourts.gov), and file Rule 26(f) Report	FRCivP 26(a) (1) & Civil L.R. 16-9
1/23/2007	INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CMC) in Ctrm E, 15th Floor, SF at 10:00 AM	Civil L.R.16-10

^{*} If the Initial Case Management Conference is continued, the other deadlines are continued accordingly.

STANDING ORDER

Magistrate Judge Elizabeth D. Laporte

- Civil law and motion is heard on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Criminal law and motion is heard on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. Counsel need not reserve a hearing date in advance. However, noticed dates may be reset as the court's calendar requires.
- Case Management Conferences are held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Pretrial Conferences are held on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Discovery motions may be addressed to the Court in three ways. A motion may be noticed on not less than 35 days pursuant to Civil L.R. 7-2. Alternatively, any party may seek an order to shorten or enlarge time under Civil L.R. 6-3 if the circumstances justify that relief. In emergencies during discovery events, the Court is available pursuant to Civil L.R. 37-1(b).
 - In the event a discovery dispute arises, counsel (or if pro se, the party) seeking discovery or a protective order shall confer in good faith with opposing counsel (or pro se party) in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action, as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and Civil L.R. 37-1(a). The Court will not consider discovery motions unless the moving party has complied with Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and Civil L.R. 37-1(a).
- 4) The Court strives to set matters and render decisions in a timely manner. The Court encourages parties to advise the Court by letter to chambers of any matter that appears to have been unduly delayed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 26, 2005

ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE United States Magistrate Judge

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For the Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff(s),

EDL No.

STANDING ORDER RE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Defendant(s).

Lead trial counsel who will try this case are directed to confer in advance of the Case Management Conference with respect to all matters contained in the attached Proposed Joint Case Management Order, including a discovery plan and discovery limits and all other matters described in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16(a), 16(b) and 26(f) and Civil Local Rule 16-10. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 16-10(a), lead trial counsel shall attend the Case Management Conference and be prepared to discuss all matters referred to in this order. Counsel shall have the authority to enter stipulations and make admissions regarding all matters described herein.

PLAINTIFF IS DIRECTED TO SERVE COPIES OF THIS ORDER AT ONCE UPON ALL PARTIES IN THIS ACTION AND UPON THOSE SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 4 AND 5 AND CIVIL LOCAL RULES 4 AND 5, and to file with the Clerk of the Court a Certificate reflecting such service.

Failure to comply with this order, the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and 26(1) or the provisions of Civil L.R. 16-10 may be grounds for sanctions. (See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f)).

Dated: January 26, 2001

United States Magistrate Judge

APPENDIX A - JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED ORDER

United States district court Northern district of California

Plaintiff(s),

CASENO.

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED ORDER

Defendani(s).

The parties to the above-entitled action jointly submit this Case Management Statement and Proposed Order and request the Court to adopt it as its Case Management Order in this case.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

- 1. A brief description of the events underlying the action:
- 2. The principal factual issues which the parties dispute:
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- 4. The other factual issues fe.g. service of process, personal jurisdiction, subject matter jurisdiction or vanue, which remain unresolved for the reason stated below and how the parties propose to resolve those issues:
 - 5. The parties which have not been served and the reasons: .
- 6. The additional parties which the below-specified parties intend to join and the intended time frame for such joinder:
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DISCLOSURES

10. The parties certify that they have made the following disclosures [list disclosures of persons, documents, damage computations and insurance agreements]:

DISCOVERY

11. The parties agree to the following discovery plan [Describe the plan e.g., any limitation on the number, duration or subject matter for various kinds of ducovery; discovery from experts; deadlines for completing. discovery]:

TRIAL SCHEDULE

- 12. The parties request a trial date as follows:
- 13. The parties expect that the trial will last for the following number of days:

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CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

The Case Management Statement and Proposed Order is hereby adopted by the Court as the Case . Management Order-for the case and the parties are ordered to comply with this Order. In addition the Court orders:

[The Court may wish to make additional orders, such as:

- a. Referral of the parties to court or private ADR process;
- b. Schedule a further Case Management Conference;
- c. Schedule the time and content of supplemental disclosures;
- d. Specially set motions;
- e. Impose limitations on disclosure or discovery;
- f. Set time for disclosure of identity, background and opinions of experts:
- g. Set deadlines for completing fact and expert discovery;
- h. Set time for parties to me et and confer regarding pretrial submissions;
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- j. Set deadline for submission of pretrial material; .
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EXHIBIT A

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COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Russell Bradberry ("Bradberry"), on behalf of himself, a class and a subclass, brings this class action against mBlox, Inc. ("mBlox") seeking to stop Defendant's practice of causing cellular telephone customers to be billed for mobile content services that the customers did not order, and to obtain redress for all persons injured by their conduct. Plaintiff, for his class action complaint, alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to himself and his own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys.

NATURE OF THE CASE

- 1. The increased use of cell phones has given rise to a new industry that provides so-called "mobile content" services such as ringtones, text alerts, jokes, news, games, and daily horoscopes to cell phone users' mobile devices. The providers of mobile content (the mobile "content providers") charge for their services and cause such charges to be placed directly on customers' cell phone accounts through their wireless carriers (the "carriers"). The carriers then bill and collect such amounts, serving as partners in these transactions, retaining a portion of all revenue that they collect on account of mobile content services.
- 2. Because mobile content providers are typically unable to establish a direct billing and content delivery relationship with the carriers, they most often turn to one of a handful of companies known in the industry as "aggregators," such as mBlox, that act as billing intermediaries without whom the mobile content providers would generally be unable to provide and bill for their mobile content services.
- 3. While aggregators such as mBlox charge their content provider clients some upfront fees, their revenue is primarily generated through a "revenue share" on transactions for which they bill the carriers' customers: each time a charge is incurred in connection with an alleged purchase of mobile content services offered by a content provider, the aggregator and the content provider cause the charge to be billed directly on the cellular telephone bill of

the carrier's customer who currently owns and/or uses the telephone number claimed to be associated with that purchase.

- 4. The carrier then bills and collects the charges from its current customer, retains about 20% to 50% of the proceeds as its "revenue share" and then remits the balance to the aggregator, i.e., mBlox, who retains a percentage of the balance in the form of its own "revenue share" and who then remits the balance to its content provider client.
- 5. In a widespread industry practice little known by those outside the industry, but known to Defendant, carriers such as AT&T Mobility, LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless ("Cingular"), Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon"), Sprint-Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") and T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile"), among many others, routinely "recycle" so-called "dirty" telephone numbers to their customers when they sign up for new cellular telephone service. The numbers are "recycled" in that they were previously owned and/or used by other persons or entities. The numbers are "dirty" in that they are encumbered with pre-existing billing obligations for products and services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of those numbers.
- 6. Despite its knowledge about the problem of recycled dirty numbers,
 Defendant has helped create a system through which cell phone users are billed for mobile
 content services ordered not by them, but by the previous owners of their cell phone
 numbers.
- 7. As a result, for years Defendant has systematically, repeatedly and without authorization caused charges to be placed on the cell phone bills of thousands of consumers across the country for content that was never authorized to be purchased by the current owners of the affected phone numbers, but rather, if at all, by the previous owners of such cell phone numbers, and it has profited enormously from its wrongful conduct, in violation of: (a) the common law of unjust enrichment; (b) the common law of tortious interference

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with a contract; and (c) in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200 consumer fraud provisions.

8. Plaintiff seeks on behalf of himself and the class members, money damages, disgorgement, injunctive and declaratory relief, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees.

PARTIES

- 9. Plaintiff Russell Bradberry is a citizen of California.
- 10. Defendant mBlox, Inc. ("mBlox"), known in the industry as an "aggregator." is a provider of mobile payments processing and is self-described as the "world's largest mobile transactions network." mBlox is a Delaware corporation with its headquarters and principal place of business in the State of California. mBlox does business throughout the United States, including the State of California and this County.

JURISDICTION

- 11. This Court has jurisdiction over the causes of action asserted herein pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, §10, because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.
- 12. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section § 410.10 because Defendant resides in and/or conducts business in the State of California and/or many of Defendant's wrongful acts arose or emanated from California.

VENUE

13. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 395.5 because Defendant's principal place of business is in this County.

THE PROBLEM OF RECYLED DIRTY CELL PHONE NUMBERS

14. Cell phone customers are assigned unique phone numbers for their phones, just like traditional land-lines.

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- 15. However, unlike traditional phones people can use cell phones to pay for certain third-party provided services, like, for example, "ringtones," subscriptions for horoscopes, jokes or stock quotes, sent periodically to customers' cell phones, etc. (A ringtone is simply the sound made by a telephone to indicate an incoming call. The term is most often used to refer to the customizable sounds available on mobile phones.)
- 16. These services generally renew automatically each month and the resulting charges are included on the customer's cell phone bill.
- 17, The instant lawsuit flows from what happens when a carrier reissues (or "recycles") a cellular number previously assigned to one of its customers that has been abandoned. (Customers abandon numbers for many different reasons, e.g. they move to a different area code, they change carriers, they no longer want one of their cell phones, or they want a different phone number.)
- 18. Defendant knows that these abandoned numbers are often encumbered with preexisting subscriptions to mobile content services thus rendering these numbers "dirty."
- 19. Nevertheless, specifically in order to bilk cell phone customers out of money, Defendant has refused to set up procedures to insure that cell phone customers are not charged for preexisting subscriptions authorized, if at all, by a previous owner or user of the number.
- Thus, when a telephone number is reassigned to a new customer, Defendant 20. continues to charge the new customer for subscriptions purchased by the old customers.

THE FACTS RELATING TO THE NAMED PLAINTIFF

- 21. On November 2, 2005, Plaintiff visited the store of an authorized T-Mobile sales representative located in Visalia, California to purchase new cell phone service for his personal use.
- 22. On that same day, in exchange for a T-Mobile cell phone plan of 600 "anytime" minutes, Plaintiff agreed to pay T-Mobile \$39.99 each month for a period of 12

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27 28 months. (A copy of T-Mobile's Service Agreement with Plaintiff is attached hereto as Exhibit A.)

- 23. T-Mobile's Service Agreement, including the documents referenced therein, are classic contracts of adhesion. That is, T-Mobile drafts the boilerplate terms - including the purported class action waiver and arbitration clauses - and offers them to potential customers purely on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. Further, Mr. Bradberry did not see and was not given a copy of the "Terms and Conditions" referenced in the Service Agreement either prior to signing the agreement or at the time of signing.
- 24. Upon execution of his Service Agreement and activation of his cellular telephone account, T-Mobile provided Plaintiff a cellular phone number or "GSM #" (that is, a Global System for Mobile Communications number) of "tmo+619446----." (Redacted.)
- 25. Unbeknownst to Plaintiff, T-Mobile provided him with a recycled "dirty" phone number -- one saddled with preexisting obligations, encumbrances and billing arrangements for products and services provided by Defendant that were authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owner(s) and/or user(s) of that number.
- 26. Thus, beginning on or about November 2, 2005 -- the same day Plaintiff obtained his cell phone number and started receiving service from T-Mobile -- and continuing through at least April 28, 2006, Plaintiff's cell phone received multiple unwanted "premium" text message calls on a near daily basis from Defendant and/or Defendant's client Cellfish Media, LLC f/k/a Lagadere Interactive North America, Inc. ("Cellfish"). Simultaneously, Plaintiff's cell phone account incurred multiple "premium" text message charges on a near daily basis from Defendant. "Premium" text messages are those that include various forms of software such as ringtones, or as in Plaintiff's case, a text message chatting service.
 - 27. Throughout the relevant period, Plaintiff received dozens of such messages.

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- 28. At no time during the relevant period did Plaintiff authorize the purchase of said products and services provided by Defendant and its client and at no time did Plaintiff consent to either Defendant's or its client Cellfish's sending of text messages to his cellular telephone.
- 29. Throughout the relevant time period, T-Mobile billed Plaintiff for "premium" text messaging charges of \$0.50 for each of the incoming "premium" text messages Defendant sent to Plaintiff, in addition to T-Mobile's standard charge of \$0.05 per each incoming text message.
- 30. At no time did Plaintiff authorize T-Mobile, Defendant or anyone else to bill him for those charges.
- 31. Plaintiff's counsel later learned that the purported authorization to be billed for Defendant's charges was obtained from an unidentified person with the same "GSM #" eventually assigned by T-Mobile to Plaintiff ("tmo+6194468xxx"); however, the authorization for the subject charges was obtained on July 13, 2005 - a date more than three months prior to the time that Plaintiff signed his Service Agreement with T-Mobile, obtained that same cell phone number, or started receiving cell phone service.
- 32. Plaintiff could not possibly have authorized the charges for which he was being billed. He did not have any account with T-Mobile at that time. Indeed, from May 2005 until October 2005, Plaintiff was out of the country in the Persian Gulf serving in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz.

DEFENDANT BILLED AND COLLECTED MILLIONS OF **DOLLARS IN UNAUTHORIZED MOBILE CONTENT CHARGES**

33. Through mBlox's services, its end-to-end technology platform and other value-added services, it has become a one-stop shop for numerous third-party mobile content providers such as Cellfish, and carriers such as T-Mobile, empowering them to take advantage of wireless technology as a content delivery, marketing and communications

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channel, while carving out a role for itself as a very critical intermediary in this rapidly growing industry.

- In order to tap into the emerging wireless content marketplace and make 34. content services available to wireless consumers, content providers must first obtain access to wireless carriers' mobile communications networks and they frequently do so by "partnering" with intermediary companies such as mBlox that provide the content providers direct access to the carriers through existing relationships.
- mBlox has developed a vast distribution system that integrates into the 35. wireless networks of some of the largest wireless carriers nationwide, including Verizon, Cingular, Sprint Nextel, Alltel, US Cellular, among many others.
- While aggregators such as mBlox charge their content provider clients some 36. upfront fees, their revenue is primarily generated through a "revenue share" on transactions for which they bill the carriers' customers: each time a charge is incurred in connection with an alleged purchase of mobile content services offered by a content provider, the aggregator and the content provider cause the charge to be billed directly on the cellular telephone bill of the carrier's customer who currently owns and/or uses the telephone number claimed to be associated with the purchase.
- The carrier then bills and collects the charges from its current customer, 37. retains about 20% to 50% of the proceeds as its "revenue share" and then remits the balance to the aggregator, e.g., mBlox, who retains a percentage of the balance in the form of its own "revenue share" and then remits the balance to its content provider client, e.g., Cellfish.
- mBlox has registered hundreds of millions of transactions and processed 38. hundreds of millions of dollars in transactions over the years and has profited enormously from its arrangement with its carrier partners and its content provider partners.
- As Defendant knows, the carriers routinely "recycle" so-called "dirty" 39. telephone numbers to their customers when they sign up for new cellular telephone service.

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The numbers are "recycled" in that they were previously owned and/or used by other persons or entities. The numbers are "dirty" in that they are encumbered with pre-existing billing obligations and subscriptions for products and services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of those numbers.

- Defendant has not only sanctioned this illegal billing, it has actively and 40. knowingly promoted it by, inter alia, actively negotiating and facilitating partnerships between and amongst each other and/or other carriers, aggregators and content providers wherein (1) the content providers and aggregators do not adequately verify whether a telephone number has been recycled; (2) the carriers do not adequately verify the details of the purported authorization to place charges on a cell phone customer's bill, including the identity of the person who supposedly consented to the service, the date such consent was obtained or the manner in which it was obtained; and/or (3) charges are illegally inserted into customers' billing statements for subscriptions authorized by previous owners of the telephone number.
- Defendant has intentionally helped create a system wherein each participant 41. has a piece of the information and thus can, at least, claim (false as it is) that the blame rests solely at the feet of another. Such system constitutes a deliberate and wilful scheme to cheat large numbers of people out of small amounts of money.
- As a direct result, Defendant has profited enormously from this illegal 42. practice, all the while being able to maintain plausible deniability.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff brings this action, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 382 on 43. behalf of himself, a class and a subclass. Those classes are defined as follows:

A. The "Class:" consisting of all wireless telephone subscribers in the nation who were charged by mBlox for mobile content services not authorized by the existing owner of the telephone number, but, rather, if at all, by a prior owner or user of the number;

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provided, however, that the following are excluded from this proposed Class: (i) the defendant, and (ii) any relative or employee of defendant.

- B. The "Sub-Class:" a class consisting of all members of the Class who entered into subscription contracts within the state of California.
- The Classes each consist of thousands of individuals and other entities, 44. making joinder impractical, in satisfaction of Code of Civil Procedure § 382.
- The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of all of the other members of 45. the respective Classes.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the 46. other members of the respective classes. Plaintiff has retained counsel with substantial experience in prosecuting complex litigation and class actions. Plaintiff and his counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the members of the classes, and have the financial resources to do so. Neither Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interest adverse to those of the other members of the Classes.
- Absent a class action, most members of the Classes would find the cost of 47. litigating their claims to be prohibitive, and will have no effective remedy. The class treatment of common questions of law and fact is also superior to multiple individual actions or piecemeal litigation in that it conserves the resources of the courts and the litigants, and promotes consistency and efficiency of adjudication.
- Defendant has acted and failed to act on grounds generally applicable to the 48. Plaintiff and the other members of the respective classes, requiring the Court's imposition of uniform relief to ensure compatible standards of conduct toward the members of the Classes.
- The factual and legal bases of Defendant's liability to Plaintiff and to the other 49. members of the respective Classes are the same, resulting in injury to the Plaintiff and to all of the other members of the Classes. Plaintiff and the other Class members have all suffered harm and damages as a result of Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct.

- There are many questions of law and fact common to the claims of Plaintiff 50. and the other members of the respective Classes, and those questions predominate over any questions that may affect individual members of the Classes. Common questions for the Class include but are not limited to the following:
 - Whether mBlox has unjustly received money belonging to Plaintiff (a) and the Class and whether under principles of equity and good conscience, mBlox should not be permitted to retain it;
 - Whether mBlox tortiously interfered with Plaintiff's and the Class's (b) contracts with their wireless carriers by causing them to be charged for products and services by their carrier that were authorized, if at all, by the previous owner and/or user of their telephone number.
 - 51. Common questions for the Sub-Class include:
 - Whether mBlox's conduct described herein violates California (a) Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.

COUNT I

(Restitution/Unjust Enrichment on behalf of the Class)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations. 52.
- A benefit has been conferred upon Defendant by Plaintiff and the Class. 53. Defendant has received and retains money belonging to Plaintiff and the Class resulting from its billing and collecting of millions of dollars in unauthorized third party mobile content charges, and in particular, its practice of systematically, repeatedly and without authorization, causing Plaintiff and the Classes of cellular telephone customers to be billed by their cellular carriers for mobile content services authorized to be purchased, if at all, by the previous owners and/or users of such telephone numbers.
 - Defendant appreciates or has knowledge of said benefit. 54.

Under principles of equity and good conscience, Defendant should not be 55. permitted to retain the money belonging to Plaintiff and the Class which Defendant has unjustly received as a result of its actions.

COUNT II

(Tortious Interference with a Contract on behalf of the Class)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations. 56.
- Plaintiff and the Class had contractual relationships with their wireless carriers 57. whereby they agreed to pay a certain sum of money in exchange for activation of their cellular telephone accounts and their carriers' promise to provide various communication and related services to Plaintiff and the Class and to bill Plaintiff and the Class only for products or services the purchase of which they had authorized.
- Defendant knew of these contractual relationships and intended to and did 58. induce a breach or disruption of the contractual relationships.
- 59. Defendant intentionally interfered with said contractual relationships through improper motives and/or means by knowingly and/or recklessly repeatedly causing unauthorized charges to be placed on the cellular telephone bills of cellular telephone owners across the nation.
- Plaintiff and the Class have suffered loss as a direct result of Defendant's 60. conduct.

COUNT III

(Unlawful, Unfair and Deceptive Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. on behalf of the Sub-Class)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing allegations. 61.
- The Unfair Business Practices Act proscribes unfair business competition and 62. defines same to include any "unfair," "unlawful," or "fraudulent" business act or practice. California Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq.

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Defendant violated, and continues to violate this proscription through its 63. conduct as set forth above.

- Defendant, through its acts of unfair competition, has obtained money from 64. Plaintiff and members of the proposed Class. Plaintiff and the members of the Sub-Class ask that this Court restore this money to them and enjoin Defendant from continuing its illegal practices.
- Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this date. Plaintiff, the Sub-Class 65. members and the general public are therefore entitled to the relief described herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Russell Bradberry, on behalf of himself and the respective Classes, prays for the following relief:

- Certify this case as a class action on behalf of the Classes and a) as defined above and appoint Russell Bradberry Class Representative, and appoint Jay Edelson and John G. Jacobs, as co-lead counsel;
- Declare that the actions of Defendant, as set out above, b) constitute unjust enrichment, tortious interference with a contract, and are in violation of California Business and Professions Code §17200;
- Enter judgment against Defendant for all economic, monetary, c) actual, consequential, and compensatory damages caused by Defendant' conduct, and if their conduct is proved willful award Plaintiff and the Classes exemplary damages;
- Award Plaintiff and the Classes reasonable costs and attorneys' f) fees;
- Award Plaintiff and the Classes pre- and post-judgment g) interest;